

# Voter Guide

Leon County  
Florida



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**Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357**

**Voter Fraud Hotline (in English and Español): Toll Free 1-877-868-3737**

*To file a formal complaint regarding irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate petition, or issue petition activities, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.*



**[LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)**



## WHO CAN REGISTER?

To register to vote in Leon County, Florida, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a Florida resident and live in Leon County
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17)
- Not currently be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony in Florida, or in any other state, without your civil rights having been restored

If you qualify to register to vote in Florida based on the list above, please complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form and return it to the Supervisor of Elections in Leon County.

**NOTE:** If you are registering to vote in Florida for the first time, you must register 29 days before an upcoming Election in order to vote in that Election.

### RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

A person who has been convicted of a felony by any court is ineligible to register to vote until they have had their voting rights restored. You may research your status and apply for Restoration of Civil Rights through the Office of Executive Clemency.

Website: <https://fpc.state.fl.us>

Phone: 1-800-435-8286 or 850-488-2952

Fax: 850-488-0695

Email: [clemencyweb@fpc.state.fl.us](mailto:clemencyweb@fpc.state.fl.us)

Mail: 4070 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32399



## VOTER INFORMATION CHANGES

Keep us up to date with you!

- Address Change
- Party Change
- Name Change
- Signature Change/Update -  
Florida Voter Registration Application is required

All can be done quickly prior to an Election (*29 days is required for Party Changes prior to a Primary Election*) and save you time when voting.

You can make an Address Change within Leon County, or into Leon County from another Florida County by:

**Phone** – call 850-606-8683      **Web** – visit [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)

**Email** – [Vote@LeonCountyFl.gov](mailto:Vote@LeonCountyFl.gov)      **Fax** – to 850-606-8601

**Mail** – after completing a new Florida Voter Registration Application, or signed written notice that includes date of birth

**In Person** – at the Supervisor of Elections Office

You can make a Party or Name Change by completing and signing a Florida Voter Registration Application form, available at [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or by providing a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature. Complete this notice in person, by mail or hand deliver to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

**Voter Information Cards** are mailed confirming new registration, voter updates or changes in polling sites.

### Florida's Closed Primary Elections

In a closed primary, voters registered to vote within one political party may not vote for candidates in another political party. All voters may vote for non-partisan races and issues. In cases where a primary candidate faces no opposition in a General Election, the closed primary race becomes a “universal” primary race where voters may “cross” party lines to vote for a candidate.



Update your address online.



## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

1

### Registration by Mail

Call our office at 850-606-8683 to have a Florida Voter Registration Application form mailed to you. Simply complete, sign and mail the form to:

Supervisor of Elections  
PO Box 7357  
Tallahassee FL 32314-7357

2

### Registration by Government Agency or Branch Sites

- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Driver's License Offices
- Public Assistance Offices

#### AND

Florida Voter Registration Application Forms are available at all of the following locations:

- Public Library Branches
- Offices that serve persons with Disabilities / Ability 1<sup>st</sup>
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Public Education Institutions
- Supervisor of Elections Office
- Branch Sites also include many bank locations in Leon County

For a complete list of Branch Sites visit our website [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or call 850-606-8683.



Find a Branch Site

3

### Registration Online

A Florida Voter Registration Application form may be completed online through a link on our website [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org). The form must then be printed, signed and submitted to our office.



## OUTREACH EVENTS

Voter Registration Books close 29 days prior to an Election. To help serve Leon County, the Elections Office partners with local businesses to register voters or update voter information.

Our staff are at all Walgreens locations in Tallahassee on these Saturdays before Registration Deadlines:

**Saturday, July 14, 2012** –  
for Primary Election

**Saturday, October 6, 2012** –  
for General Election



Our staff are at two Branch Sites that are open late during registration deadlines, New Leaf Market and the Main Library.

#### **Registration Deadlines:**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012** – Pres. Pref. Primary Election

**Monday, July 16, 2012** – Primary Election

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012** – General Election



1235 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32301



**LeRoy Collins**  
**Leon County Public Library**  
**Main Library**

200 West Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**LeonVotes.org**

# 3 WAYS TO VOTE

1

## Vote Early

Cast your ballot at one of several convenient locations before Election Day. See the 'Early Voting' page for locations.



Early Voting Information



Request an Absentee Ballot



Find your polling location

2

## Vote by Mail Ballot

Simply call our office at (850) 606-8683 or visit our website to request your Absentee ballot and vote in privacy before Election day.

3

## Vote at your Precinct

ELECTION DAY is your LAST CHANCE TO VOTE! Be sure we have your current residence address so that you appear at your proper polling location. Bring your picture ID with your signature to present to the poll worker. To avoid lines and congestion at your precinct, vote in the 10:00 am – 4:00 pm non-rush hour time frames of the day.

### Want more information?

- Register or change party information 29 days before Election day
- Update your address or other information before you vote
- Find your precinct/polling location before you vote
- Request or track the status of your Absentee ballot

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# EARLY VOTING

Early Voting is provided in Leon County before an Election! Voters may come to one of several locations in town to vote in person or to pick up an Absentee ballot as provided for in 101.62(4)(b)4 of Florida Statutes before Election Day.

### Before each Election



#### Woodville Community Center / Public Library

8000 Old Woodville Road



#### Ft. Braden Branch Public Library

16327 Blountstown Highway



#### Northeast Branch Public Library

5513 Thomasville Road



#### Eastside Branch Public Library

1583 Pedrick Road



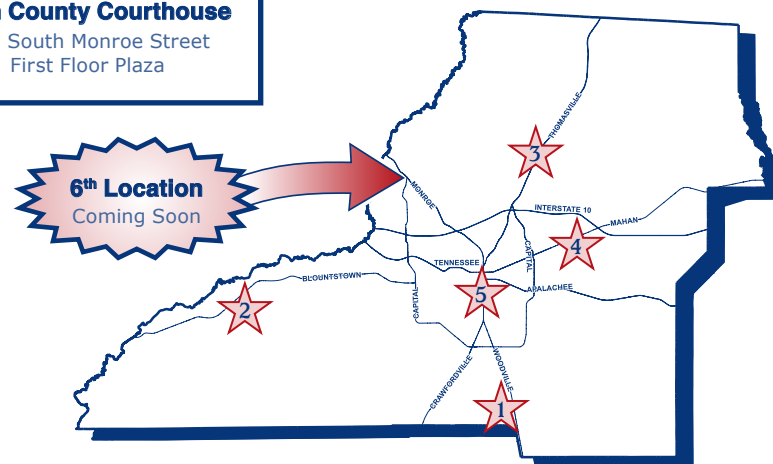
#### Leon County Courthouse

301 South Monroe Street  
First Floor Plaza

Your 5 Early Voting locations are listed here. A current valid picture and signature ID is required (refer to the list of picture and signature IDs near the end of this Guide).

Visit our website at [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or call 850-606-8683 for exact dates and hours since this matter is in Federal Court at the time of publication.

Early Voting  
Now in **5** locations





## VOTER ALERT

### Census 2010

Following the Census taken every ten years, political boundaries are redrawn to balance citizen population for Elective Offices. 2012 will find major changes in the single member districts of Congressional, State Senate and State House. Leon County Commission and School District lines were modified in 2011. Any voter who has been impacted by any of these new boundary lines will receive a new voter information card before the Primary Election on August 14, 2012.

**POLLING PLACE ADDRESS**

**SAMPLE**

This Precinct is \_\_\_\_\_ city limits.

DISTRICTS					
CO COMM	SCH BOARD	CDD	CONGRESS	SENATE	HOUSE

VOTER MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*You must vote in the precinct in which you live.*

**VOTER INFORMATION CARD**  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**ION SANCHO**  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

**1 Voted**

**SAMPLE**

VOTER NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS		ASSISTANCE REQUIRED
PARTY		

PRECINCT NUMBER	DATE REGISTERED	DATE OF BIRTH
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FLORIDA VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### House Bill 1355

Major changes in Election Laws were passed by the Florida Legislature in 2011. Foremost are two issues that negatively impact voter participation:

- 1) Early Voting is reduced from 14 days to 8 days. Visit our website at [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or call 850-606-8683 for exact dates and hours since this matter is in Federal Court at the time of publication.
- 2) Voters changing their address on Election Day at polling locations from another county within Florida must vote by Provisional Ballot.



## 2012 ELECTION DATES

★ **2012** ★

**JANUARY 31**  
PRES. PREF. PRIMARY  
*Register by January 3*

**AUGUST 14**  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
*Register by July 16*

**NOVEMBER 6**  
GENERAL ELECTION  
*Register by October 9*



- ★ **1** Early Voting
- ★ **2** By Mail Ballot
- ★ **3** At your Precinct

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## PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A provisional ballot is a time-saving tool for the voter when their eligibility to vote is uncertain. It allows the Supervisor of Elections Office to research the matter and present any evidence to Leon County's Canvassing Board.

Anyone who votes a provisional ballot has until 5 pm on the second day following the Election to present evidence of their eligibility.



*Track your Provisional Ballot*

The Canvassing Board decides if the provisional ballot will be counted when it meets on the third day following the Election.  
**Most provisional ballots are counted.**

### **Provisional ballots are often issued when:**

- Voter requested an Absentee ballot and did not bring it to the polls to surrender.
- Voter did not provide valid picture and signature identification.
- Voter's name was not found in the voter records on Election Day.
- Voter has not changed their previous Florida county address prior to Election Day.

### **Provisional ballots are often not counted when:**

- Voter votes in the wrong precinct on Election Day.
- Voter has not registered 29 days before the Election.

Voters can track the status of their provisional ballot on our website.

**LeonVotes.org**



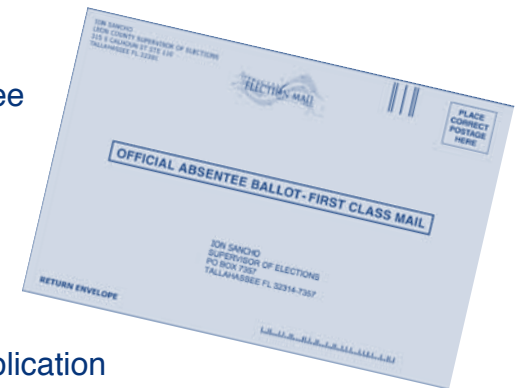
## ABSENTEE VOTING

An Absentee ballot may be requested anytime up to the legal deadline of 6 days before an Election. This may be done in person, by mail, by telephone 850-606-8683, or online at our website.

Please note that Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded by the Post Office. If your ballot is returned as undeliverable, your ballot requests will be canceled.

### **Signature Updates**

If the signature on your Absentee ballot does not match the signature on your voter record your ballot will not count. Signature updates should be made **15 days prior to the Election**. You must complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form to update/change your signature with the Supervisor of Elections Office.

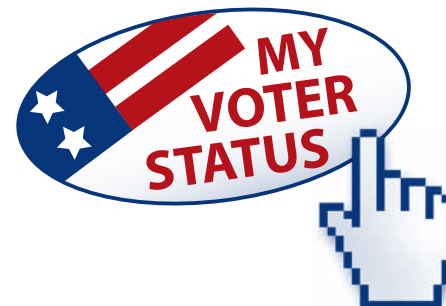


### **Track Your Absentee Ballot**

Want to know if we received your voted Absentee ballot? Visit our website and check your voter status!



*Check your voter status*



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## VOTING MACHINES

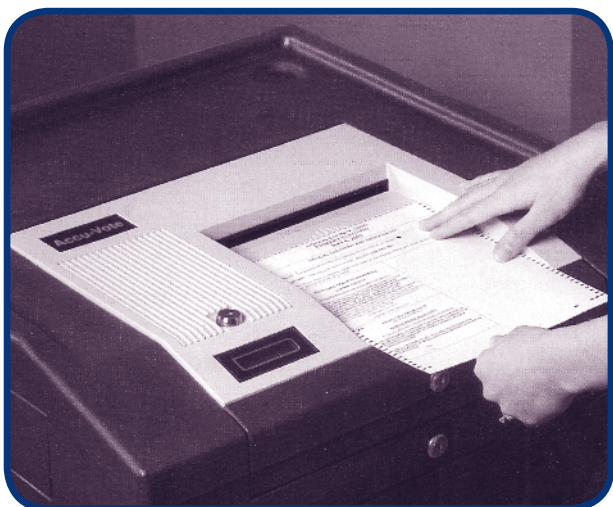
All precincts are equipped with optical scan voting devices. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant voting devices are available for those voters with special needs. You must alert the poll worker when you sign in the precinct register if you wish to vote using the ADA compliant touchscreen voting device.

**Optical Scan** – The optical scan voting device accepts a paper ballot with ovals to be filled in by the voter.

- Voters can only cast one ballot in any Election. If you make a mistake marking your paper ballot, request a replacement. You have three attempts to mark your paper ballot.

**Touchscreen Visual and/or Audio** – The touchscreen voting device has the ability to enlarge font size and have the ballot read to you.

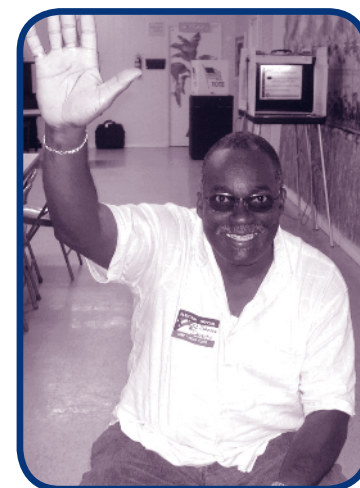
- Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices.
- Once your ballot is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that Election.



## POLL WORKERS

### Top **5** Reasons to be a **POLL WORKER**

- 5** You'll work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.
- 4** You'll play a vital role in the democratic process.
- 3** Your community needs you. Leon County must recruit 1,500 poll workers this year for our Elections to run smoothly.
- 2** It's a great opportunity to help people, serve your community and have fun doing it!  
*And the number one reason to be a Poll Worker...*
- 1** You get paid to do a good thing!



**Sign up to be a poll worker today!**

Your community needs more people like you to work at the polls on Election Day. In fact, Florida must recruit and train thousands of poll workers in communities across the state every Election year. You can help.

Your local Election Officials will teach you everything you need to know to do the job.

The job isn't complicated and anyone who has worked at the polls will tell you it's one of the most rewarding ways to help your community!

**Call (850) 606-8683 or visit our website at**

**LeonVotes.org**

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. It can also be found on our website. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Avoid** the heavy turnout times of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We suggest you vote between 10:00 am – 4:00 pm to avoid any lines.

To ensure a quick process, any changes to your name, address or political party affiliation since the last Election should be updated with the Supervisor of Elections office prior to Election Day. If you do not show a valid picture and signature ID, you must vote a provisional ballot. If you need assistance, our poll workers are able and ready!

When you arrive at your precinct, a poll worker will ask to see your picture and signature ID, find your name in the precinct register and ask you to sign for receipt of your ballot. It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

Current and valid picture identifications required at polls:

- (a) Florida driver's license.
- (b) Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- (c) United States passport.
- (d) Debit or credit card.
- (e) Military identification.
- (f) Student identification.
- (g) Retirement center identification.
- (h) Neighborhood association identification.
- (i) Public assistance identification.



If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required.

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
on Election Day

## WHAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE

- Register to vote, verify or update your voter information
- View your actual sample ballot
- Request and track your Absentee ballot
- Learn about being a poll worker
- Track your provisional ballot status
- Interactive mapping:  
Find your precinct and polling place
- View current and past Election results



Visit our Website



Find us on Facebook

*Scan the QR Codes  
on this page with your  
smartphone to visit our  
website, find us on  
Facebook, or save  
our contact information.*



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Save our Contact Information

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## OUTREACH EVENTS

Springtime Jubilee

Celebrate America! 4th of July



Email [Vote@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:Vote@leoncountyfl.gov) or Call 606-VOTE (8683) for more information about these services.

**Request a Speaker** – The Supervisor of Elections or staff from the Elections Office will speak to your club or organization about the Election process.

**Invite The Elections Office To Your Event** – A representative from the Supervisor of Elections Office will set up a registration table at your event. Please contact our office 2 days in advance.

**Student Government Elections** – The Elections Office offers one Election per year for any school in Leon County as a means of voter education. Participating schools vote on the candidate of their choice using actual Election tabulation equipment.

**Voter Registration/Education Program** – Election staff provides voter registration and education services to area high schools, Tallahassee Community College, Florida State and Florida A&M Universities. Students can get registered or pre-registered to vote.

## SIGNATURE UPDATE

Has your signature changed from

*John Hancock*

to this?

*John*

**If so, you need to update your signature with our office!**

Call us to be mailed a Florida Voter Registration Application or print one from our website: [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org), then complete, sign, and mail it back to us.

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1. Vote and have her or his vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if her or his registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from Elections Officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by Elections Officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.



1. Familiarize herself or himself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize herself or himself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of Election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that her or his completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

# We the People

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence,  
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for  
Article 1

Section 1. All legislative Power herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not when elected be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and electors shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within the Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including free Persons of African Descendancy, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of the Years, in such Manner as they shall be directed. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative; and until such Enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to three, Rhode Island and Massachusetts two, the other States one each Representative. Representatives and electors shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 3. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof for two Years; and each State shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Congress of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the third Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and whenever Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise during the Term of Appointment of any Senator, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not when elected be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be chosen by the Electors in each State, in the Manner provided by the Legislature thereof, for four Years; and he shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

The Electors shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature. When the President of the United States shall have been elected, he shall have the Privilege of the Emancipation of the United States.

The President shall have the Power to fill up Vacancies which may happen during the Term of his Appointment, by Appointment, or otherwise during the Term of his Appointment. The President shall have the Power to fill up Vacancies which may happen during the Term of his Appointment, by Appointment, or otherwise during the Term of his Appointment.

Section 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Place of choosing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall begin at the first Monday after the second Week of January.

Section 5. Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business, but a quorum may consist of less than a Majority, and may be adjourned to another Day, if two thirds of each House shall so direct.

Each House may determine the Rules and Proceedings of its own House, and may punish its Members for Disobedience of its Orders, for Contempt, or for any other Cause.

Each House may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner as it may think proper.

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